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**READ THE TEXT CAREFULLY
AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.**

Is tourism always 'good' for a country?

Tourism is one of the biggest industries in the world. It generates a huge amount of money and provides jobs for millions of people. In theory tourism should therefore be helping to alleviate poverty and maintain and protect natural resources. But is this always the case?

There are places where tourism has had a positive impact. There are small tourism projects that have helped lower-income communities. In Cameroon, tourists have been visiting Mount Cameroon with guides from local villages for some time now. Tourists have also been enjoying traditional food supplied by the villagers and buying arts and crafts made by the villagers. Travellers in Kenya have also been going on tours of Maasai villages for years. The money raised by these tours is used to improve education and sanitation in the villages.

This type of tourism, which is called ecotourism, empowers people in local communities and it also helps to protect natural resources. It does not harm the environment. Tourists want to see animals and plants in their natural habitats and the money they pay for their tours helps to protect the plants and animals. Ecotourism has a minimal impact on the environment.

Sadly, protecting natural resources has not been a priority in some tourist destinations. Forests have been cut down to build hotels and roads, and the hotels use up local water resources. There have also often been clashes between local people and the hotel developers as the developers pay little attention to local cultural practices and beliefs.

Despite the potential that tourism has for helping to alleviate poverty, the money spent by tourists doesn't always stay in the traveller's destination and people in the local communities do not always benefit from tourism. For example many tourists prefer to stay in foreign hotel chains rather than in local hotels. Many of these foreign hotels import goods from other countries instead of supporting local farmers and businesses. They also employ foreigners instead of local people. When they do employ local people, they pay very low wages. Cambodia is an example of a country where tourism has not helped to create jobs in the local communities. Food is imported and foreigners are employed to work in hotels and restaurants.

So while tourism has helped to alleviate poverty and protect the environment in many countries, there are still places where tourism has unfortunately had a negative impact.

I- COMPREHENSION CHECK PART ONE

Read the test again and give short answers to the question.

- 1- What is the *text* about?
- 2- Which problems could tourism help to solve?
- 3- Give one example from the text of a tourist activity that benefits a local community
- 4- How can tourism help to protect natural resources.
- 5- Do you think tourism can help against poverty? Explain your answer.

II- COMPREHENSION CHECK PART TWO

Read again the text and decide if these statements are true or false.

- 1- Ecotourism is sustainable because it does not damage the environment
- 2- The tourist industry always cares for natural resources
- 3- Tourism can help to resolve the problem of poverty because it can create many jobs.
- 4- All tourists want to stay in foreign hotel chains and eat Imported food
- 5- Tourism stands as an industry

III- LANGUAGE IN USE → A

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct word from the brackets

- 1- The tourists are looking for.....(accommodation, destination, package tour) in a guesthouse.
- 2- Tourism can..... (engage, extinct-empower) local communities as it provides them with an income.
- 3- Some natural resources like wind are (non-renewable, retained resources)
- 4- Organisms live together in.....(ecosystems, biodiversity).

IV- LANGUAGE FUNCTION → B

→ complete the sentences with the correct form of the tense.

- 1- He (to travel) around France for more than a month already
- 2- We already (to visit) a game park and museum this week.
- 3-you ever (to be) in Cote d'Ivoire.
- 4- She (to write) a blog for more than a year. It's fascinating.
- 5- In the past two centuries, human populations (to grow) rapidly.

V- WRITING

Write an article about tourism.

Its positive and negative impacts over a country. **12 LINES**